

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Pichler, et al.**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicant submits the following response in reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 23, 2011. In light of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. No fees should be required for responding to this office action. However, if any other fees or dues are required for entry of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.